

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

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Municipal Sludge Transporter Fee

What Is This fee?

The transporter fee is an annual fee based on the amounts of municipal sludge and/or similar waste reported as hauled for the time period of June 1, 1994 thru May 31, 1995. The fee is assessed in accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 312, Subchapter G, and is imposed on each transporter holding a Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission transporter registration number under the laws of this state. Additionally, the sections are promulgated pursuant to the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act (the Act), Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 361 (Vernon 1992), Section 361.001 and Section 361.024, which provides the TNRCC with the authority to regulate municipal solid waste and adopt rules consistent with the general intent and purposes of the Act.

How Is The Fee Assessed?

An annual transporter fee is assessed against each person or entity holding a registration to transport sewage sludge, water treatment sludge, chemical toilet waste, domestic septage, including transporters of grit (mud) trap and grease trap waste, issued in accordance with subchapter G of this title (relating to Transporter Provisions). The amount of the annual fee shall be based upon the total annual volume of waste transported and reported to the TNRCC as of June 15, each year. Failure to report the transportation of the waste types listed above will result in the assessment of the maximum fees. The fee shall be determined as follows:

Total Annual Volume Transported

Equal to or less than 10,000 gals (50 cu yds)	\$100
Greater than 10,000 gals (50 cu yds) but less than or equal to 50,000 gals (250 cu yds)	\$250
Greater than 50,000 gals (250 cu yds) but less than or equal to 200,000 gals (1,000 cu yds)	\$400
Greater than 200,000 gals (1,000 cu yds)	\$500

The TNRCC, using the information obtained from the Annual Summary Report, has generated a billing invoice and is forwarding the invoice to each transporter or their designated representative.

What Does "FY" Mean?

The "FY" is the fiscal year of the TNRCC. It is the time period from September 1 through August 31. The sludge transporter reporting period ranges from June 1 to May 31 of each year. The "FY" indicated on the bill simply encompasses the reporting period.

What If My Fee Is Incorrect?

All fee disputes must be submitted in writing to the mailing address below and the amount of the fee not in dispute must be paid by the due date. Include the account number and the TNRCC transporter registration number in your correspondence.

Why Must I Return The Coupon (Top Portion Of The Invoice)?

The coupon has a scan line which is read by a computer. If the original coupon is not returned, we cannot assure prompt credit to your account. Returning the coupon will ensure credit of payments to the proper account in a timely manner.

When Are The Fees Due?

The required fee must be paid no later than 30 days following the invoice date. All fees due must be received before a renewal registration can be issued. Failure to submit payment may cause your case to be referred to the enforcement section.

How May I Obtain A Copy Of The Sludge Transporter Fee Rules?

Copies of 30 TAC, Chapter 312, Subchapter G (Transporters and Temporary Storage Provisions) may be obtained by contacting our Customer Service Group at (512) 239-3282. If you have a PC and modem, you can dial (512) 239-0700 to reach the TNRCC Online Bulletin Board ("BBS"). It contains information about the TNRCC, its rules and the environmental services the TNRCC provides. The BBS supports up to 14,400 baud modems and follows most common communication settings: NO parity, 8 databits, 1 stopbit, Full duplex (N,8,1,F).

How Will The New Sticker Program Work?

In addition to the transporter fee, beginning with the new reporting period in FY 96 a vehicle sticker will be required to be displayed on all registered motorized vehicles. This new requirement has been developed to assist us in tracking vehicles registered to haul sewage sludge and similar waste. A \$10.00 fee will be assessed for each motorized vehicle utilized in transportation activity.

Whom May I Contact For More Information?

For **technical information** regarding this program, you may either write or call the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Watershed Management Division, Sludge & Transporter Review Team, MC-148, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 at **512/239-4433**, or FAX 512/239-4430.

For **account balance information**, contact the Financial Administration Division, at the following telephone numbers.

Owner names	A-K	(512/239-0366)
	L-Z	(512/239-0192)



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